THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 20th October 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Appointment of District Munsifs in 1947.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state whether candidates from the Judicial Ministerial Service and the High Court Service will be selected in 1947 for appointment as District Munsifs along with war service candidates in the proportion prescribed in rule 3 (*a*) of the Madras Subordinate Civil Judicial Service ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan) :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, the number of appointments of District Munsifs proposed to be made in 1947? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 31 War Service candidates have been selected and out of 31 War Service candidates, 12 candidates will be appointed for vacancies that are existing or that may arise before the end of the year."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether any appointments will be made from the cadre of Official Receivers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Such appointments will not arise during the course of this year because War Service candidates have already been selected for existing vacancies."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, from the Government whether they have reserved only a certain proportion of the appointments to War Service candidates or whether they have thrown open all the appointments to War Service candidates? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" All appointments have not been reserved for War Service candidates, Sir. Originally 46 appointments were reserved for War Service candidates. Out of this 15 have been de-reserved and only 31 appointments are now reserved for War Service candidates."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know exactly how many appointments are to be allotted to candidates with Judicial Service or the High Court Service? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Out of the 46 appointments reserved for War Service candidates, 15 have been de-reserved and in those 15 vacancies, senior civilian candidates who were undergoing probation in that cadre were confirmed."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Can the Government give us a list of those 31 War Service candidates? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, who is the appointing authority to these posts, whether it is the High Court or the Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is the Public Service Commission, Sir."

Producer-cum-Consumer Co-operative Societies.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) the districts in which the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies were established in the year 1946–47 ;

(ii) the dates on which they were incorporated and liquidated or closed ;

(*b*) how much foodgrains had been procured by them during each calendar month of their existence and what the corresponding procurement was in the previous year in each district;

(*c*) what quantity was retained in the districts concerned for internal consumption and what quantity was exported to other deficit districts in each of the two years ;

(*d*) what was the profit earned by the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies in each district during each calendar month of their existence and also during the entire period of their existence ; and

(*e*) whether in the case of those Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies, which could not procure satisfactorily, the Revenue Department co-operated with them and rendered necessary assistance in the matter of procurement?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" An answer [a] to the question is placed on the table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know the reason, Sir, why the profit in the Malabar district from the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies is the highest and that it is lower in other districts? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is because the societies in Malabar have been working for a longer period, for nearly one year."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 470–471 infra.